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Dear Sir:

The Notice of Allowance in the above-referenced case is acknowledged with appreciation. In reviewing the file, it was noted that Applicants do not appear to have received an initialed copy of form PTO-1449, submitted February 23, 1998. It is believed that this form was considered, as various references therefrom were cited in the previous Official Action. A copy of the form PTO-1449 and the return receipt postcard indicating the filing thereof is attached for the Examiner's convenience. It is respectfully requested that an initialed copy of this form be returned to the Applicant prior to payment of the issue fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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